

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT
APPLICATION**

(Patent, Design or CIP Application)

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**IMMUNOASSAY METHOD FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF GASTRIC
INTESTINAL METAPLASIA ASSOCIATED WITH GASTRIC CARCINOMA**

the specification of which:

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X is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____ as

Application Serial No. _____

_____ was described and claimed in

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filed on _____,

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Application Number	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed

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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s), to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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